



THE BETA TAU BLASTER

DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN | FALL 2013

(Right) Brothers prepare to take a recruitment trip to Colorado during the summer.



BETA TAU PURSUES EXCELLENCE

Alumni Encouraged to Visit the Shelter

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We started our new year at the University of Nebraska with a full Shelter and much excitement, anticipation, and energy. The efforts of the recruitment chairmen brought 35 great new members, each anticipating the year ahead. As we greeted these young men in August, we looked forward to Beta Tau's bright future. The fraternity evolves and renews with the promise of exceptional pledges beginning their lives as Delt brothers and their lifelong commitment to the pursuit of excellence. We have encouraged the chapter to lead all fraternities in academics and to pursue opportunities for leadership in university organizations. I am confident that soon we will again have the Hugh Shields Award.

Renovations Decrease Utilities

Thank you for helping us create the best living environment of any fraternity on campus. Parents touring campus echoed that the Shelter is the gold standard for desirable features and location. The individually controlled heating and cooling units are much appreciated and decrease the cost of utilities. The state-of-the-art fire-suppression system assures that the men are safe and the facility is protected from destruction by fire.

Landscaping Project in the Works

Now that we have a beautiful new home inside, we've turned our attention to the outside. Alumni have met with two landscaping contractors at the Shelter who have provided a plan for sprucing up the grounds. The following are a few projects that are in progress to make the exterior of the Shelter match the interior.

1. A sprinkler system will be installed on the east side, as well as adequate water hookups.
2. The lawn will be replaced.
3. Plants will be placed on the east and south sides.
4. A tree in the back of the Shelter is nearly dead and will be removed and a large cottonwood tree that hangs over the roof will be trimmed.
5. Vines will be removed from the southeast corner.

Support Our Undergraduate Brothers

As president of the House Corporation, I have had the opportunity to meet the new pledges and many of their

parents. I am impressed! I know you will be too when you get to know these brothers. Additional involvement of alumni would provide more energy to move Beta Tau toward a higher standard of excellence. Please think about volunteering to attend a dinner, join us for a House Corporation meeting, coordinate a luncheon, or pursue a special interest or topic with the undergraduates as a guest speaker. To learn more about our new Alumni Advisory Team, please see the article on page 2.

Beta Tau Responds to Dietary Needs

I have been asked how Beta Tau addresses special dietary needs of our members at mealtime. I was pleased to learn that, like the dorms and a number of the other Greek organizations, the Shelter provides meals that meet the needs of a diabetic or someone who requires a dairy-free or gluten-free diet.

Brothers Raise Money for Juvenile Diabetes

Delta Tau Delta and the Juvenile Diabetes Relief Fund (JDRF) joined last year in the fraternity's first national philanthropic partnership. Beta Tau will focus their philanthropic efforts to support this cause. The goal of JDRF research is to improve the life of all of those affected by type 1 diabetes and to accelerate the pace and progress of finding a cure. I encourage you to join us in this effort.

We Appreciate Your Support

Thank you for fulfilling your pledges as we focus on debt repayment. One of our new board members, **Byron Stigge '64**, has taken the lead on our next improvement project: lawn and landscaping. Watch for the transformation in the upcoming year. I hope you will take the time to stop by the Shelter, tour the facility, and talk with the undergraduates. Much has been achieved and I know with your help we will be able to achieve even more!

Fraternally,

James Loach, Epsilon Omega '67
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Join the Alumni Advisory Team

Beta Tau Needs Your Support

We recognize the importance of advisors throughout our daily activities and in our work and professional lives. It is important for our chapter members to learn from one another, but they would all benefit by having the mentorship and guidance of a formalized advisory team. The basic function of an alumni advisory team is to carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned to the chapter advisor and the assistant chapter advisor by the Arch Chapter.

Members of the Alumni Advisory Team (AAT) will be responsible for keeping up to date on new fraternity programs and UNL policies, receiving and replying to e-mails, visiting the Shelter, and attending AAT and chapter meetings. Members will also have personal duties and responsibilities. For example, the financial advisor will assist the chapter treasurer by serving as a member of the finance committee, certifying completion of monthly financial reports and helping with the annual budget. The road advisor will assist chapter members with life skills such as resume writing, interviewing skills, etiquette and manners, graduate school applications, and fraternity involvement as an alumnus.

The positions available are financial advisor, recruitment advisor, membership education advisor, risk management advisor, academic advisor, alumni advisor, road advisor, community service advisor, ritual

advisor, and house and grounds advisor. The chapter advisor serves as chairman of the AAT. Members of the AAT are responsible for mentoring and guiding their specific officer as well as the mentorship of all chapter members. The team will meet regularly, attend division/regional conference of Karnea with the chapter delegation every other year, and serve in their role for a minimum of two years.

My involvement with the fraternity through the House Corporation has been an energizing experience. The opportunity to engage again in the fraternal experience with the members of the board and with the young men has rekindled many fond memories and a deeper understanding of how important the fraternity is today as it was years ago. It's an exceptional opportunity to give back what we gained from those who were there for all of us and to be part of the future success of our chapter members. If you are interested or know someone who would make a great advisor, please contact me to learn more about the AAT or one of the specific positions.

Fraternally,
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Thank you for helping us reach our goal! All donors who contributed \$1,000 or more to the A Commitment to Beta Tau Excellence: Honoring Our Past ~ Securing Our Future campaign are featured on the donor wall, prominently displayed in the basement library of the Shelter.

BROTHERS BOND DURING ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

The alumni golf tournament was a huge success this summer in Omaha. There were 10 groups of alumni and six groups of actives that participated in the four-man scramble. Additional alumni and actives enjoyed drinks and snacks after the rounds were played. Almost everyone in attendance went home with a prize from the raffle. Prizes included shirts, beverages, gift cards, and a free round of golf. Donations were made from several alumni as well as a few actives that provided pin prizes for the event. It was a nice outing for alumni to reconnect with each other and for actives to make new connections with older brothers.

The annual golf tournament grows every year and we hope to continue this trend next summer. Come see the renovations that you made possible. I speak for the whole chapter when I say that we are extremely appreciative of your support and we enjoy the renovations immensely.

Fraternally,
Drew Barnhart '11
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BROTHERS RECRUIT 35 NEW MEMBERS

Chapter Excels in Academics

Our chapter has gotten off to a very good start this semester. The recruitment chairmen did an outstanding job this summer recruiting 35 men who will be initiated on November 9. We work hard to improve our academic record and have made great strides in this area in the past year, raising our overall chapter GPA to above a 3.0. We have set the goal to be in the top three of all fraternities on campus in GPA and are very confident that we can reach this goal this semester.

Beta Tau Builds Leaders

Boosting chapter involvement is a priority for us. We have increased our chapter meeting attendance over the past couple of semesters, but would like to raise it above 90 percent. We expect to have nearly every member in attendance for every chapter meeting. We would also like to see more of our members taking leadership roles on campus. We have several great leaders in our ranks, including NSE leaders, president of College Republicans, and president of the Big Red Investment Club.

Undergraduates Partner with JDRF

Our philanthropic efforts have increased this semester. We have followed the lead of our national fraternity and collaborated with the local Juvenile Diabetes Relief Fund (JDRF). Members helped organize and participate in the Walk for a Cure in September. Our chapter is excited to start a new philanthropy this fall, the Delt Derby. This will be a whiffle ball home run derby held outside the Shelter. We will provide food to the participants and the money we raise will go toward helping JDRF find a cure for type 1 diabetes.

Best House on Campus

We have been enjoying the Shelter renovations. Our new study rooms are constantly in use as members work to meet their academic goals. The suite-style rooms are the highest in demand. Overall, our renovations have made the Shelter the nicest house on campus and members strive to keep it in good shape to maintain that title. We are very excited for the rest of this semester. We believe that we have the best pledge class on campus, coupled with already outstanding members. We are confident that we can meet our goals and improve our chapter this semester.

Fraternally,

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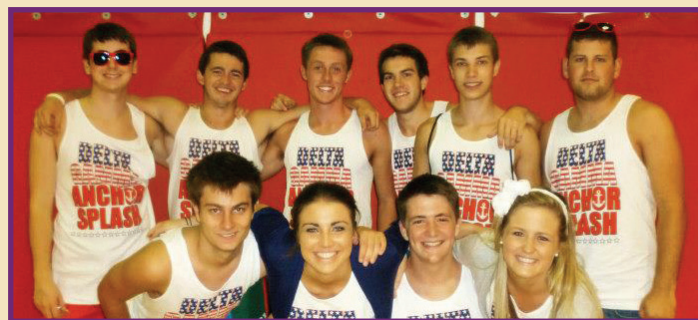


Brothers visit the Rocky Mountains during the summer.

Delts assist the local JDRF foundation at their annual Walk for a Cure program.



Undergraduates bond at a football game at Memorial Stadium.



Delts compete in Delta Gamma's AnchorSplash philanthropy competition.

Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your input in membership selection. Please send your recruitment recommendations to

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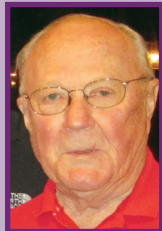
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CHAPTER ETERNAL



Fred E. Allen III '52 entered Chapter Eternal on April 20. "Fred was famous for giving speeches at the various Delt functions that he attended. I had the privilege of witnessing many of these in recent years. Through them all, I was always so impressed with how well he could connect with the current undergraduates and their dates, as well as his ability to draw many laughs from the crowd. If I had to guess, it likely stemmed from one of Fred's best qualities (among many)—he was always very young at heart," **Alexander Wolf '00** said.

ALUMNI NEWS

Jean W. Purtzer '43 lost his wife, Betty, in 2006. They have two children, Bill and Ann. He has been feeling well and golfing almost every day. Jean is happy to hear about the newly renovated Shelter. He resides in Greenfield, Iowa.

Adam R. Trupp '54 and his wife, Jeanne, have four children: Rick, Becky, Rob, and Dave. The couple resides in Topeka, Kan. Adam is on the board of directors and is the education director for the Combat Air Museum at Forbes Field in Topeka.

Brian C. Hamilton '68 and his wife, Carey, reside in Omaha, Neb., and have two daughters, Hilary and Rebecca. The couple has been married for 41 years after **John Beardmore '69** introduced them. Brian owns four auto dealerships in Bellevue and Kearney. He also serves as chairman of the Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce and Industry. E-mail: behchev@aol.com

Lt. Col. Charles H. Allen '84 has been in the Army for 26 years. He is on his fourth deployment to the Middle East working in Abu Dhabi, UAE, as the simulation officer for missile defense. His wife, Annette, lives in Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., with their children: Alexa, Drake, and Chase. They are looking forward to their University of Nebraska-Lincoln experience. E-mail: chuck.allen.army@gmail.com

Mike D. Borgialli '85 resides in Lincoln, Neb., where he is a substitute campus supervisor for Lincoln Public Schools. In April, he went on cruise to Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

Thomas A. Wolf, M.D. '94 and his wife, Misti, have two children, Evan and Lauren. They reside in Fremont, Neb., where Thomas is a medical doctor for Prairie Fields Family Medicine. E-mail: thomas.a.wolf@gmail.com

Ryan Norman Niefeldt '95 and his wife, Toni, have three sons: Tyler, Andrew, and Jacob. The family lives in Elkhorn, Neb., where Ryan is a director of finance for ACI Worldwide. In 2012, Ryan became the Nebraska Amateur Golfer of the Year. E-mail: rniefeldt@yahoo.com

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